Attack on the CRPF central Rampur

164. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavily armed terrorists, suspected to be belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba attacked the CRPF recruitment centre at Rampur in Uttar Pradesh on January 1,2008;

(b) if so, the details of the CRPF personnel killed/injured due to attack by terrorists;

(c) whether Government has asked for a report from the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details of the reports and the steps taken by Government to check such terrorist attacks on para-military centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) On 1.1.2008 at about 0230 hours, terriorts attacked the CRPF Group Centre at Rampur (U.P.) with automatic rifles and hand grenades. As a result, 08 persons (07 CRPF personnel and 01 civilian) were killed while 05 persons (03 CRPF personnel, 01 local policeman and 01 Home Guard)were injured. The module responsible for the attack on Rampur CRPF camp has since been identified and 06 terrorists belong to Laskhar-e-taiba (LeT) including 02 Pakistani nationals have been arrested by the U.P. police. It has come to light that while both pak terrorists carried out the action, the remaining four provided logistical assistance to them. Further investigations and action are continuing.

(b) The details of 07 CRPF personnel killed are given below:—

(i) Shri Ramji Sharan, Head Constable

*(ii) Shri Afzal Ahmed, Head Constable

(iii) Shri Rishikesh Rai, Head Constable

(iv) Shri Manvir Singh, Heas Constable

(v) Shri Anand Kumar, Constable

(vi) Shri Devender Kumar, Constable

(vii) Shri Vikas Kumar, Constable

The details of CRPF personnel injured are given below:—

(i) Shri Ranjan Lai, Constable

(ii) Shri Kedar Singh, Constable

(iii) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Gujjar Constable

(c) and (d) The State Government in its report has *inter-alia,* given details of the incident and action being taken by the State Government to thwart such nefarious acts. Further, State Government has also informed that it has ordered payment of assistance of rupees one lakh to the next-of-kin of those killed and Rs. 50,000/- to those injured. CRPF has ordered a Court of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances under which the incident took place, on the basis of which a departmental inquiry has been ordered. One officer of DIG level and one of Addl. DIG level have been placed under suspension. Also detailed instructions for beefing up security measures in all the static establishments of the Force have been issued to the senior field formations to avoid recurrence of such incidents. This includes security audit, access control and perimeter security, augmenting security during high alert situations, system of checking breaches of security and also introducing all concepts of security engineering.